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SUBJECT: FURTHER DETENTIONS OF BIKO FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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1. CONTACTS IN EAST LONDON INFORMED EMBASSY ON SEPTEMBER 13 THAT SECURITY POLICE DETAINED MR. KHAYA BIKO, STEVE'S BROTHER, PLUS CLOSE ASSOCIATES AND FORMER BPC ACTIVIST MR. MALUSI MPUMLWANA AND MRS. NOHLE MOHAPI ON SEPTEMBER 12. THEY WERE ARRESTED UNDER THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT AND ARE REPORTEDLY BEING HELD IN KING WILLIAMS TOWN. THEIR DETENTIONS BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BIKO RELATIVES AND FRIENDS DETAINED IN THE PAST FEW DAYS TO 14. EAST LONDON SOURCES TOLD EMBASSY THAT THEY FEAR THE MINIMUM DETENTION WOULD BE THREE MONTHS, BECAUSE THE POLICE WOULD NOT WANT THE REASONS BEHIND THE DETENTIONS TO SEEM "CAPRICIOUS".

2. LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THE STATEMENTS BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN NEW YORK AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IN WASHINGTON ON BIKO AND THE RECENT
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DETENTIONS RESPECTIVELY. THE RAND DAILY MAIL, IN REPORTING STATE DEPARTMENT REACTIONS, SAYS "THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT GIVEN UP ITS OUTSPOKEN COMMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AS FAR AS SOUTH AFRICA IS CONCERNED."
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